AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph number **[0015]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specifically, the first and second side sill assemblies 14, 16 are generally identical to one another, and each includes a first or inner elongated side sill member 52 and a second or outer elongated side sill member 54 mated to the first side sill member 52. A hollow area is defined between the first and second elongated side sill members 52, 54. The bulkheads 46 of the front, mid, and rear support assemblies 30, 32, 34 are disposed within the hollow area of the side sill assemblies 14, 16. The bulkheads 46 are secured to, extend between, and interconnect the inner and outer side sill members 52, 54 and, therefore, are oriented generally transverse to the vehicle axis 44. As shown in Figs. 2 and 4, each of the bulkheads 46 has a generally planar body portion that substantially fills the cross-section of the hollow area of its respective side sill assembly 14 or 16. One or more ribs may be formed in the body portion of each bulkhead 46 to rigidify the body portion. For more information related to side sill assemblies and bulkheads, reference should be made to commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/683776, filed October 10, 2003, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety.